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It will be the new Williams and on business principles. It has taken years of wishes on those in favor of it, years of discouragements, and years of obstacles, set backs, and losses in the last instance on the part of both advocates for and against incorporation. The town will be incorporated, and one might say is incorporated, as the Board of Supervisors is in session at this writing and undoubtedly will issue the edict before adjourning. Should this be done, it means the establishment of a fire limit, an adequate system of water works and all the other advantages of incorporation.

There are heartaches in town over the awful losses of the week, yet none are visible. Every citizen has been a man. The merchants burned out ordered goods in many instances before the fire had ceased burning. M. Salzman and Polson Bros. carried extensive stocks. Polson Bros. were in one respect a little more fortunate than Mr. Salzman as their main warehouse was out of the path of the fire. Both gentlemen were fortunate in having cars of goods here and on the way. Mr. Salzman immediately telegraphed for several cars of goods more to be sent by express, and before the close of the week will be able to satisfy his many customers. E. M. Twitty and Judge Ranney have rented buildings left of Mr. C. E. Boyce and will resume in a few days with complete stocks.

JULY 2, 1900, the Santa Fe and Grand Canyon railroad building broke down in earnest, catching Williams for nearly two hundred thousand dollars. July 2, 1901, the business part of the town burned up, loss about three-quarters of a million. July 3, 1901, petition universally signed for incorporation. July 4, 1901, everyone getting ready to assist in the rebuilding of Williams stronger, better, more beautiful and greater than ever. How is it for good material and first-class over-give-up business

A GENTLEMAN remarked to the NEWS Editor Thursday, "Will the NEWS suspend publication?" When answered most emphatically in the negative, he further remarked, "Well, then, the town will build up again. I have never known a case where a town would rebuild after a disastrous fire like this if its newspapers suspended." More wisdom than flattery in such remarks.

THE NEWS is not allowed to miss an issue, it has been prevented only by much labor, expense, kindness of Mr. Funston in allowing use of type and presses, and plenty of good hard hustling. Getting copy to printers thirty-five miles away and getting out a paper, is work and inconvenience, yet the NEWS will feel repaid if the people of Williams appreciate the effort.

WILLIAMS salutes Flagstaff and trusts the Fourth was a glorious success. We all intended going down, but "she was agin' us." Several went down on the side, and we can vouch for it that they all had ten apiece.

THE NEWS is under many obligations to Mr. C. M. Funston of the Coconino Sun at Flagstaff for courtesies extended this week. Mr. Funston's generous invitation, "Walk in and make yourself at home."

EVERY one owing the NEWS a cent is requested to pay it, as, if we ever needed money, it's right now. We have a small keg of money due if all will be generous enough to pay it.

THE fire destroyed ten dwelling houses, two hotels and thirty-six business houses in the space of one hour. Quick work that.

For fellows of grit, Good Lord give us the business men of Williams forever. They are the right stuff.

THE fire was awful, yet let's trust it was a blessing in disguise.

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